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and the control shaft (4) intercept.

4. (Currently Amended) A switching device as claimed in claim 3, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that wherein the angle at which the axes of rotation of the working shaft (3) and the control shaft (4) intercept is substantially 90°.

- 5. (Currently Amended) A switching device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that claim 1, wherein the working shaft (3) and the control shaft (4) are shaped in such a manner that they limit each other's rotational angles to desired values.
- 6. (Currently Amended) A switching device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that claim 1, wherein the control shaft (4) is rotatable from either axial end.
- 7. (Currently Amended) A switching device as claimed in claim 6, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that wherein its control shaft (4) is adapted to be connected to a control shaft (4) of another similar type of switching device in a manner allowing the working shafts (3) of both switching device to be turned by rotating the control shaft (4) of one or the other switching device.
- 8. (Currently Amended) A switching device as claimed in claim 7, **c h a r a c t e r i z e d** in that the wherein control shaft (4) is a pipe shaft, and in that wherein the control shaft (4) is adapted to be connected to a control shaft (4) of another similar type of switching device by means of an inner shaft insertable into the control shafts.
- 9. (New) A switching device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the axes of rotation of the working shaft and the control shaft intercept.
- 10. (New) A switching device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the working shaft and the control shaft are shaped in such a manner that they limit each other's rotational

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angles to desired values.

11. (New) A switching device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the control shaft is rotatable from either axial end.